



# HFPO-Alaska

N E W S L E T T E R



*Building the Future of Army Healthcare*

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## **Welcome**

With almost one full year of vertical construction complete, we are pleased to report that the project is on schedule. We should be in the new hospital by 2006. The construction contractor, a Joint Venture of Dick Pacific & Ghemm Construction Companies, has accomplished a tremendous amount of quality work this first year and the project is now about 20% complete.

The on site work continues to focus on the sub-level building systems as this winter winds down. Warmer weather will bring a substantial increase in the number of workers and the overall appearance.

This issue has a short overview of the new hospital's first floor. Upcoming issues will focus on the two upper floors and other services offered.



*Rendering of the New BACH main*

## **What is a Blue Book?**

The **Blue Book** brings together all information required by the MEDDAC and HFPO staffs to make informed project decisions. Its primary elements include:



- 1) The Operational Narrative which describes what services will be provided and how;
- 2) Details of space and equipment by individual room for each department or service;
- 3) Staffing and other resources required to sustain operations.

Each department or service has a Point of Contact (POC) to coordinate input into the transition process through the HFPO and Transition Committee. Your POC holds your **Blue Book**. Since continuity in transition is essential, the **Blue Book** is reviewed annually with the POCs, and with successors as the POC nears PCS. Unless the **Blue Book** is 'owned' by the MEDDAC staff, the New Bassett will not function effectively to meet their needs. To avoid this, POCs need to share the **Blue Book** with their colleagues, ensure feedback is obtained, and incorporate feedback during reviews.

### **Of Note**

- 1,700 metric tons of steel erected.
- 90,000 linear feet of piping installed.

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## **The First Floor**

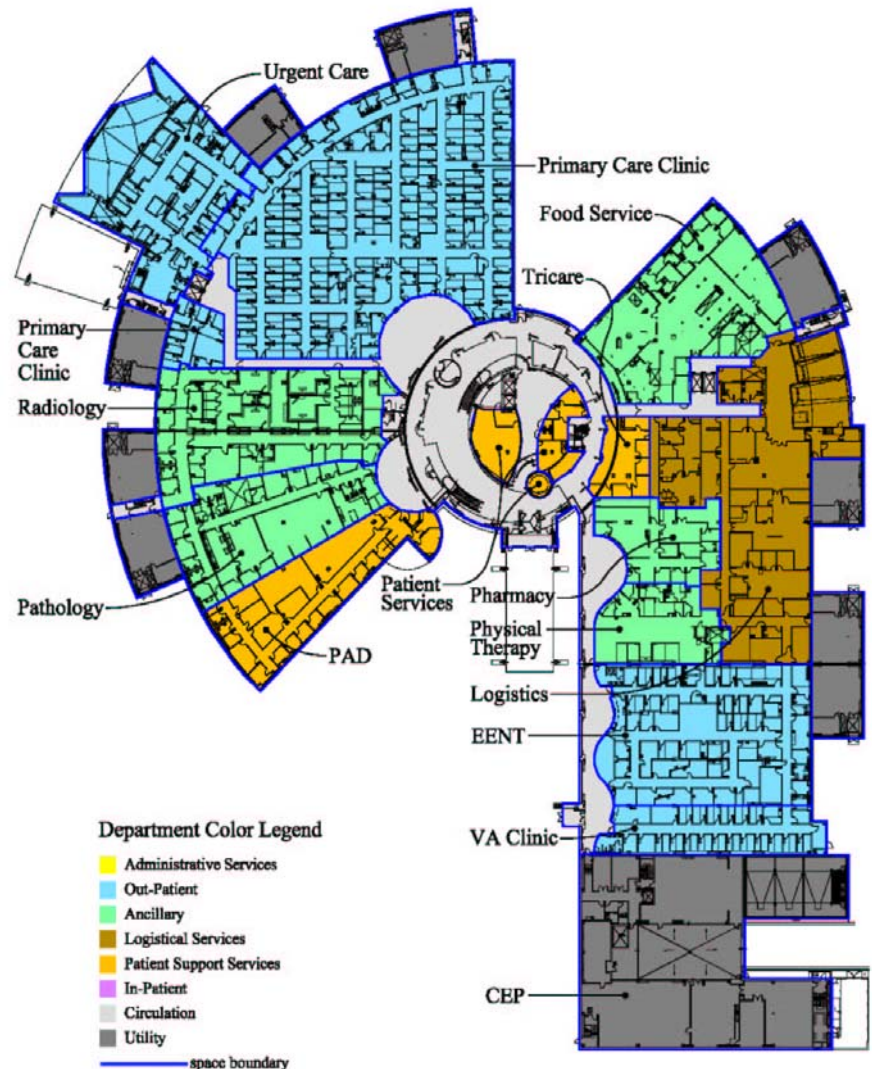
*This is the first of several articles detailing each floor.*

The first floor of the New Bassett Army Community Hospital includes most of the outpatient services. Entering the hospital through the main entry, patients and visitors will enter the common corridor area known as “The Green.” This circle includes the information booth/security check, the central elevators, a gift shop/PX, an ATM alcove, a barber shop and direct access to the receptionists for Primary Care, Radiology, Pathology, Records and Pharmacy. The Dining Facility is connected to the Green just to the northeast of the main entrance.

Moving through the Green to the left will take us past Patient Administration, the Lab, Radiology then to a joint waiting area for Primary Care and Pediatrics.

From the main entry, a right turn will take you down the “Wave Corridor.” The Pharmacy is located immediately to the left. Continuing down the corridor, we pass Physical Therapy and the EENT clinics before coming to the VA Clinic. On the opposite side of the corridor is a “glass wall” to take advantage of the available sunshine.

A separate entrance to the Urgent Care Clinic is shown on the upper left portion of the drawing above. An ambulance garage for transported patients is adjacent to the UCC primary entrance.



### **FIRST FLOOR BLOCK PLAN**

no scale

Logistical support areas, shown above in brown, are tucked away behind the patient clinic areas. Mechanical and electrical areas are shown in dark gray. A Central Energy Plant (CEP) is located below the VA Clinic to provide backup power and heat. The design provides quick access to almost all hospital services via the central core. Though a tremendous change from the old building, patients, visitors and staff will all quickly appreciate its benefits.





*Executives from the VA tour the project site*

### **Visitor's Log**

#### **Veteran's Administration—9 Jan 2003**

Several VIPs from the United States Veteran's Administration braved frigid temperatures for a site tour.

Among those touring:

Mr Alex Spector, Director, Alaska VA Healthcare System and Regional Office

Mr David Stockwell, COO

Mr William Bishop, Veterans Liaison Office

Dr Cynthia Joe, Chief of Staff, AK VA

Mr Toby Evans, Chief of Police & Security

Ms Rose Shearer, Clinic Manager, Fairbanks VA Medical Center

## **More Medical Construction**

### **Vet Treatment Facility Renovation**

EarthTech with McKinley General Contractors are renewing approximately 8,000 square feet of Building 3597, former cold storage warehouse, for the Veterinary Treatment Facility. The renewal process demolishes the interior to the existing structural members and builds a new facility within the existing building envelope. The new facility will have three exam rooms, a treatment room, a surgery room, an x-ray room, a laboratory/pharmacy, food inspection laboratory, and associated administrative spaces. It is a design/build project scheduled to be completed in July 2003.



*Two future  
patients  
for the  
VTF*

*Over 11,600 cubic yards of concrete have been poured in the new BACH. That's enough to pour about 2500 slabs for one car garages, or about 14 football fields*



### **Piping, Plumbing and Racking**

Work continued through the winter on the job site. As shown to the left and right, a large amount of mechanical and electrical work was completed in the new BACH crawlspace.



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*The award winning*

Partnering efforts between the Corps of Engineers, the Army Medical Department, the Construction Contractors and the Architect has gained recognition by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Alaska District COE named the Bassett Team as the 2002 Partnering Team of the Year. This prestigious award is indicative of the efforts by all to build a quality project, on time and within budget.



*The site in May, 2002*

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